

MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date of Meeting: December 20, 2022

Kind of Meeting: Regular

Board Members Present: Mary Dugan, Russell Tilley, Teresa DeLaurentiis

Board Members Absent: Wendy Moore, Emily Boss

Others Present: Jamie Maistros, Superintendent; Brian Breck, Principal; Staff Members Rhonda Burnside, Julene Waffle, Courtney Mackey, Jenna Turner; Students Cirran Gorman, Bethanee Barringer, Kayla Hoffman, Justine Norton, Jason Strain, Lincoln Waffle, Hailey Lindberg

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Dugan at 3:04 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2022 were approved with one correction on the motion of Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 3-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Julene Waffle, Courtney Mackey, and Jenna Turner talked to the Board about their ELA curriculum. Courtney Mackey teaches eighth grade ELA. Mrs. Mackey shared the 7-12 vocabulary workbook that they use. The grammar program uses a different topic each week. They just started working on evidence. Julene Waffle teaches ELA for eleventh and twelfth grade, College ELA 12, Desktop Publishing and the yearbook. They are working on Twenty-first Century skills in ELA. Desktop is working on the yearbook. It is all online. They type articles, edit, take pictures and do the bookkeeping for the yearbook. Jenna Turner teaches ELA for grades 7, 9, 10 and also teaches AIS. Ms. Turner's classes are working on writing skills, critical thinking, listening skills, and problem solving. Because of COVID the students were not able to do group work they are seeing students lacking the skills that Ms. Turner is working on, even at the college level.

Superintendent's Reports:

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about the voters approving the Capital Project. She discussed the exit survey results taken at the vote.

Jamie Maistros told Board that the budget work has started. The Budget Timeline is on the agenda for approval at today's meeting. At the January Board meeting we will be discussing the Five-Year Plan, etc.

Jamie Maistros talked to the Board about a recent Athletic Survey. At this point, we are not allowing a student to play two sports at the same time. The sports that the students had interest in were golf, cheerleading, with the most interest in indoor track.

Principal's Reports:

Brian Breck talked to the Board about school events. The UPK-3 concert was this afternoon. The elementary band and chorus concert was on December 7, the secondary band and chorus concert was December 14. All were well attended. The CROP Advisory Board is required by the CROP Grant. The Board meets quarterly. Christina DeCesare said all our grants meet the state requirement of getting their target number to at least 15 hours. Cornell Cooperative Extension is continuing their family cooking classes. Evaluation from our Independent Evaluator occurred in the first quarter of the CROP Grant. The evaluators came to Morris and Laurens to observe. They were pleased with the protocols in place. The evaluators felt that additional support might be needed for the Activity Leaders across the three grants to help behavioral students stay engaged throughout the enrichment activity.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about the winter sports. The boys JV and Varsity won the Deposit Tournament. All fall teams were scholar athlete teams. Both the Varsity teams are in the championship games at the Morris Tournament which will be on December 22.

Brian Breck discussed with the Board the first quarter pass / fail percentages. Mr. Breck discussed the 5 core SEL competencies. 1. Self-Awareness, 2. Self-Management, 3. Responsible Decision Making, 4. Social Awareness, and 5 Relationship Skills. The teachers are working on integrating SEL concepts into their core instruction. Mr. Breck discussed computer based testing. Starting next year 3-8 tests will phase in computer based testing. 2023-2024 the fifth and eighth grade state tests will be computer based. In 2024-2025 computer base testing for grades 4 and 7 will be added, and in 2025-2026 computer based testing for grades 3 and 6 will be added.

Brian Breck talked to the Board about some upcoming dates. December 22 is the Senior Citizen Luncheon and all students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. Winter Break is December 23 through January 2. Secondary Parent-Teacher Conferences are on January 12. No school January 16 for Martin Luther King Day.

* **Be It Resolved** upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approve the following:

The following business items 1 through 8 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 3-0:

1. Approval of Claim Auditor's Reports and Warrants #47, 48, and 49, as presented.
2. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2022 We have not received September, October or November Bank Reconciliations for 2022 from BOCES.
3. Approval of the Central Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2022, as presented.
4. Approval of 2023-2024 Budget Timeline.
5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the trip for the senior band and chorus to Music in the Park, Six Flags, Agawam, Massachusetts on May 6, 2023. The cost of the trip is \$2,600. The music department will be doing fundraising to pay for the trip.
6. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the certified results of the Capital Project vote held on December 13, 2022 as follows:

Yes: 105 No: 53 Invalid: 2 Total: 160
7. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the elections officials for the certified Capital Project vote held on December 13, 2022 as follows:

Lois Jones, Lucy Holcombe, Michael and Barbara Virgil, Elaine Frederick, Marillyn Boggs
Chief Election Officials Norma Boyd, Lisa Galbreth
8. Approval of the Claims Auditor's Reports and Warrants #53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and 58 as presented.

The following personnel items 1 through 7 were approved as presented on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 3-0:

1. Approval of the resignation of Ronda Burnside as a probationary special education teacher effective January 5, 2023.

2. Approval of Joseph Tully as a substitute teacher (NC), teacher aide, and LTA for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Approval of Deborah Chicorelli as a mentor for the CSE Chairpersons starting on January 3, 2023. Mrs. Chicorelli will be paid \$500 per diem or \$100 per hour.
4. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:

a) Name of Appointee:	Destinie Smith
b) Tenure Area:	Music
c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Services:	January 3, 2023
d) Expiration Date of Appointment*:	January 3, 2027
e) Certification Status:	Certification Pending – Graduated 12/17/22
f) Salary:	\$40,500, Prorated 1/3 – 6/30/23

5. **Be It Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Morris Central School District approves the Memorandum of Agreement between Morris Central School District and Morris Teachers' Association with Toree Donnelly allowing her to take an unpaid leave of absence from December 12 through December 22, 2022.

6. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and on motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, the following probationary appointment is hereby made:

a) Name of Appointee:	Richelle Seaman-Lawton
b) Tenure Area:	Special Education
c) Date of Commencement of Probationary Services:	January 3, 2023
d) Expiration Date of Appointment*:	January 3, 2027
e) Certification Status:	Students w/Disabilities Grade 7-12, Generalist, Emergency COVID-19, Expires 8/31/23
f) Salary:	\$46,000, Prorated 1/3 – 6/30/23

*To the extent required by the applicable provisions of Education Law §§2509, 2573, 3212 and 3014, in order to be granted tenure the classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law §3012-c and/or 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. If the classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time. For purposes of this subdivision *classroom teacher* and *building principal* mean a classroom teacher or building principal as such terms are defined in Sections 30-2.2 and 30-3.2 of this Part.

7. Approval of Justin Dunham as a substitute bus driver for the 2022-2023 school year.

Public Comment: Teresa DeLaurentiis said she appreciated the time spent learning and teaching diversity, and hoped it continued.

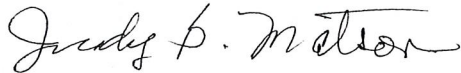
The Board went into executive session at 3:51 p.m. to discuss personnel Issues and contraction negotiations, on the motion Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 3-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 4:21 p.m. on the motion of Teresa DeLaurentiis, seconded by Russell Tilley, and carried 3-0.

On the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 3-0, the IEP's of the specified CSE students' plans #3246, 3286, and 3172 was approved as presented. Students' Individual Education Plans (IEP) was viewed online, in executive session, on an as needed basis.

The Board adjourned at 4:24 p.m. without further discussion on the motion of Russell Tilley, seconded by Teresa DeLaurentiis, and carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Judy B. Matson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Judy B. Matson
District Clerk